

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JULY 3, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Following weeks of scorching temperatures and relatively dry conditions for most areas, the weather pattern relented, allowing for somewhat cooler temperatures and more widespread moisture, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Average temperatures varied from 3 degrees below to 6 degrees above normal. Daytime highs above the century mark were recorded at only two weather stations, and ranged from 78 degrees at Eagle Nest, to 104 degrees at Bitter Lakes. Overnight lows varied from 40 degrees at Eagle Nest to 66 degrees at Carlsbad. Scattered showers were experienced around the State with measurable rainfall reported at 44 or the 45 reporting weather stations. The largest rainfall accumulation was reported at Redrock, where 1.52 inches fell. Additionally, Animas and Antelope Wells also received over an inch of rain during the week. In Union County, spotty rainfall of varying intensity slowed winter wheat harvest. Reporter comments noted that some pastures were in excellent condition, while others showed arrested grass growth. Livestock producers in the county were having to haul water to their livestock. A few portions of Curry County received moisture during the week, but coverage was very limited. Dryland fields, as well as pastures needed large amounts of rainfall to sustain crop and grass growth. Reports from Dona Ana County indicated that cattle were again receiving supplemental feed due to extremely dry pasture conditions. Additionally, comments suggested that there was some total losses in Pima cotton fields within the county. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 34 percent light and 5 percent moderate. Stock water supplies were reported as 9 percent very short, 18 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	70	60	72	82
3 rd cutting harvested	26	3	29	42
Corn				
Emerged	85	82	92	95
Silking	4	--	7	12
Cotton				
Emerged	93	87	90	NA
Squaring	17	10	19	41
Onions				
Harvested.....	65	39	85	69
Peanuts				
Planted.....	95	87	100	100
Emerged	69	61	87	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	95	84	99	89
Emerged	64	58	68	NA
Headed	1	--	--	--
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	79	64	59	70

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	12	15	52
Short.....	62	60	35	30
Adequate	26	27	49	18
Surplus	--	1	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	10	11	NA
Short.....	41	40	26	NA
Adequate	49	50	63	NA
Surplus	--	--	--	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	4	4	3	6
Fair.....	44	46	23	26
Good	45	42	44	48
Excellent	7	8	30	17
Chile				
Very poor	3	3	--	NA
Poor.....	12	12	--	NA
Fair.....	16	16	19	NA
Good	48	48	61	NA
Excellent	21	21	20	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	3
Fair.....	30	31	11	37
Good	52	51	52	38
Excellent	18	18	37	21
Cotton				
Very poor	2	2	--	3
Poor.....	29	27	--	13
Fair.....	28	29	37	30
Good	28	33	53	31
Excellent	13	9	10	23
Onion				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	5	8	NA	NA
Good	54	45	NA	NA
Excellent	41	47	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	2	5	35
Poor.....	18	18	11	35
Fair.....	48	48	32	18
Good	29	29	40	10
Excellent	3	3	12	2
Peanut				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	100	100	NA	NA
Good	--	--	NA	NA
Excellent	--	--	NA	NA
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	9	9	13	23
Good	47	54	77	69
Excellent	44	37	10	8
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	13
Poor.....	--	--	--	16
Fair.....	71	72	17	38
Good	28	28	81	32
Excellent	1	--	2	1
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	3	3	3	NA
Fair.....	32	33	24	NA
Good	56	54	63	NA
Excellent	7	8	9	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	11	11	20	NA
Fair.....	18	18	13	NA
Good	57	57	49	NA
Excellent	2	2	3	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_& Condition/2016/NM_Weather_07032016.pdf